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AMEMBASSY OSLO PRIORITY

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SUBJECT:ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE - ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND
VICE CHAIRMEN

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1. MISSION IS REQUESTED TO INFORM SECRETARIAT, AND OTHER
DELEGATIONS AS APPROPRIATE, THAT LINDSEY GRANT, VICE
PAUL GLASOE, WILL HEAD THE U.S. DELEGATION TO THE
UPCOMING MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE. ACCORDINGLY, WE
WISH PUT FORWARD GRANT AS NOMINEE FOR "NORTH AMERICAN"
VICE CHAIRMANSHIP OF ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. GRANT IS
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DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL

AFFAIRS. (ACCREDITATION INFO CONTAINED SEPTTEL.)

2. FYI. WE ARE AWARE THAT, AMONG SOME COUNTRIES AT LEAST, THERE WERE REPORTED CONCERNS WITH BUREAUCRATIC LEVEL OF U.S. DELEGATE TO COMMITTEE (AND V-C CANDIDATE). WHILE WE BELIEVE U.S. HAS EVERY RIGHT TO EXPECT THAT WHOMEVER IT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE TO PUT FORWARD WILL BE ACCEPTED BY THE COMMITTEE, CHANGE NOTED PARAGRAPH 1 DEEMED POLITIC UNDER EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES. END FYI.

3. PRECEDING WAS DRAFTED PRIOR RECEIPT REFTEL (C) WHICH DOES NOT ALTER ABOVE SITUATION. INFORMATION CONCERNING NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMANSIP DOES, HOWEVER, COMPLICATE OUR POSITION ON THAT ISSUE. AS NOTED REFTEL (B), WE COULD HAVE SUPPORTED FAIRCLOUGH. HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE VERY PLEASED TO SEE LYKKE AS CHAIRMAN. WOULD NORDIC GROUP POSSIBLY STICK WITH LYKKE TO ELECTION IF HE GOT SIGNIFICANT OUTSIDE SUPPORT? WOULD HE ACTUALLY BE WILLING TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN? (LAST YEAR HE APPARENTLY DID NOT WANT THE JOB.) WHY IS RODERICK CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBILITY THAT LYKKE WOULD BECOME CHAIRMAN?

4. CAN EMBASSY OSLO SHED ANY LIGHT ON MATTER DESCRIBED PARAGRAPH 3 ABOVE AND REFTEL (C), WHICH BEING REPEATED TO OSLO? KISSINGER

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